

## Sermon Based Study - Gateway Groups, Merced

"Bond Together/Grow Together"

**For the week of 3-26-2023**

### For You as the Teacher/Host

Remember to begin each Small Group session with a word of prayer. Please keep in mind that the purpose of this curriculum guide is to cultivate a deeper relationship with the Lord and each other through conversation that intentionally engages the weekly message.

**Quick Review** Discuss the message briefly. Did anything challenge or confuse you?

**\*Opener Question or Activity:** Who is the most important person you have ever met?

**Sunday's Main Scripture Text:** Matthew 16:13-16 - "Who do you say I am?"

**Digging Deeper:** *(Teachers/leaders, feel the freedom to not ask every question)*

1. Can you remember what you thought of Jesus before becoming a Christian? Since then, describe how you see Jesus more clearly today.
2. Read John 1:1, 14 together. What form did Jesus take according to these vs.? Why would Jesus have to become a man? Read Hebrews 2:14-18
3. Read aloud Isaiah 9:6. Which names of Jesus from Isaiah resonate with you personally and why?
4. Do you see any tension with the idea that a child will be called these terms? How can God be a baby?
5. How do you communicate Jesus to those in your sphere of influence? Have you ever used any of these terms in those discussions?
6. Pastor Kevin talked about these words describing Jesus Christ: Savior, Messiah, Anointed One, Son of God, etc. Which of these have had personal meaning to you?
7. How have you grown in understanding who Jesus is this week?

**Apply it today:** Looking back over this week's teaching, what is most important for you to remember and why? How will you grow in the area you have identified?